

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM by the Chairman, Mr. Carpender, and the following members were present:

Mr. Richard Carpender, Chair
Ms. Sylvia Wedge, Vice Chair

Mrs. Marge Levesque, Clerk

Mrs. Marilyn King
Mrs. Cynthia Perrotti

Also Present: Dr. Lusi, Asst. Supt. Jermain, Christine Tague, Patti Cofield

Absent: Mr. Michael Buddemeyer, Ms. Angela Volpicelli

A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and seconded by Mrs. Levesque to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Law 42-46-5, Exceptions (a)(1) Job Performance/Personnel Matters, (a)(2) Collective Bargaining and/or Litigation. So voted 5-0.

Public Session recessed at 6:07 PM and resumed at 6:25 PM.

1. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Mr. Carpender announced that an Executive Session was held pursuant to R.I. Law 42-46-5, Exceptions (a)(1) Job Performance/Personnel Matters, and (a)(2) Collective Bargaining and/or Litigation. No motions were made, and no votes were taken. Ms. Wedge made a motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. Seconded by Mrs. Levesque. So voted 5-0.
2. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Lusi reported that there was a flood in the Science wing at Portsmouth High School last week caused by a leaky pipe under one of the lab tables. It leaked over the weekend while no one was in the building and caused damage in the Guidance area on the lower level. Mr. Davidson called our insurance company immediately, and Clean Care was brought in to work on it. An infra-red system was brought in, the water damage in the Guidance area had progressed far up on the wall. There was also damage to the particle board tables in the labs. Mr. Davidson informed her that the contractor's goal was to have the Guidance area and adjacent restroom open before school begins and the Science wing shortly thereafter. Dr. Lusi announced that Tuesday is the next meeting of the Aquidneck Island Group that worked with RIPEC to do the report on regionalization. She talked with Bob Driscoll last week, and he was supposed to propose to the Town Council having a joint meeting with the School Committee and inviting RIPEC to attend. Mr. Carpender thought that was a good idea. Dr. Lusi will work on it with Mr. Driscoll. Dr. Lusi congratulated Mr. Jeffrey Schoonover, the chair of our Science Department at Portsmouth High School, for being chosen as one of the Rhode Island State-level finalists in the 2009 Presidential Awards for Excellence in mathematics and Science Teaching Program. A national selection committee will be reviewing the finalists' applications and videos, and the White House will announce the results in the spring of 2010. State-level finalists will be invited to attend a dinner in their honor in the fall of 2009. Dr. Lusi also congratulated Hathaway's health and wellness program, which was featured in a write-up from the Kids First organization. Dr. Lusi reported on the status of the food service contract. An RFP was

approved by RIDE before being bid; but to date, RIDE has not awarded the bid. Dr. Lusi and Ms. Tague have been working on a letter that will come from all Superintendents and Finance Directors in the East Bay stating that we have not been told why it has not been awarded. It is not mandatory that we participate in the statewide bid. Chartwells is less expensive than going out on a statewide bid. Once the letter has been finalized, she will provide the Committee with a copy. Dr. Lusi announced that her Administrative Team had a very good session at Salve on July 17th, which was an extension of the Superintendent's Seminar she has participated in for the last three years. The team learned about the clinical rounds model observing instruction. Dr. Lusi also announced that she will have her annual Administrators Retreat at Salve on August 20th and 21st. Salve has offered to provide space for the retreat.

- a) **Teaching and Learning:** Assistant Superintendent Jermain reported that four middle school teachers participated in Professional Development in math for two weeks and will receive \$14,000 worth of technology equipment for their classrooms. The teachers plan to purchase laptops and smart boards. Mrs. Jermain also reported that the Integrated Technology team has been very busy over the summer. They completed the Melville telephone project and have almost completed the middle school wireless project. The middle school computer lab has been installed. Electronic student records have been updated. The middle and elementary school library catalogs have been updated. In addition, our anti-virus software was changed over the summer, resulting in a savings of \$5,000. Technology is being used to coordinate staffing and schedules, and Ms. Tague's clerical study is being examined to create efficiencies. The online non-public textbook process has been very successful.
- b) **Finance and Operations:** Ms. Tague reported that she and her staff are still working on closing the end of year. She learned today of an unknown concerning the potential shortfall between state aid and pension savings. She had monitored this over time, and the amount the School Department will owe the state is the same amount she had anticipated, so she doesn't think it as a major problem. She intends to present an adjusted budget to the Committee at the September meeting.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and seconded by Mrs. Levesque to approve the minutes of the meetings held June 1, 2009; June 23, 2009; and June 30, 2009. Ms. King abstained from voting on the June 23rd and 30th minutes due to her absence from those meetings. Mrs. Perrotti abstained from voting on the June 30th due to her absence from that meeting. So voted.

4. **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

- a) **Perfect Attendance – Hathaway Student.** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and seconded by Mrs. Levesque to commend Kerin Santillo for having perfect attendance from Kindergarten through Grade 5 at Hathaway School. So voted 5-0.
- b) **2009 Scholastic Arts and Writing Award.** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and seconded by Mrs. Levesque to commend Katie Ryan, a 2009 graduate of Portsmouth High School, for receiving an American Visions Award in the 2009 Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards Competition. So voted 5-0. Dr. Lusi stated that this is a very competitive award. Katie will be attending Harvard University in the fall.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) **Rescission of Teacher Recalls.**
- b) **Rescission of Teacher Non-Renewals.**
- c) **Appt. – Physical Education/Health Teacher, Hathaway.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the Committee affirms the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #1-7/28/09, to the position of Physical Education/Health Teacher at Hathaway School, for the 2009-10 school year."
- d) **Appt. – Art Teacher, .6 time Elmhurst/.4 time Hathaway.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the Committee affirms the Superintendent's appointment, Recommendation #2-7/28/09, to the position of Art Teacher, .6 time at Elmhurst and .4 time at Hathaway, for the 2009-10 school year."
- e) **Coaching Appts. – PHS.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the Committee affirms the coaching appointments at Portsmouth High School for the 2009-10 school year as presented."
- f) **Requests for Leave of Absence.** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution, "that the Committee approves the requests for Family and Medical Leave in accordance with the backup information."

A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and seconded by Mrs. Levesque to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. So voted 5-0. Dr. Lusi announced the following appointments:

- c) Physical Education/Health Teacher, Hathaway: Greg Sullivan, Step 4
- d) Art Teacher, .6 time Elmhurst/.4 time Hathaway: Katelyn Guignard, Step 2

The following coaches were appointed:

Jim Blaess	Head Coach	Girls Soccer
James Donovan	Assistant Coach	Girls Soccer
Tom Chamard	Assistant Coach	Girls Soccer

The following coaches were reappointed:

Keith MacDonald	Assistant Coach	Football
Steve Kirwin	Assistant Coach	Football
James Grauer	Assistant Coach	Football
Mike Vieira	Assistant Coach	Football
Peter Kirwin	Fr. Equip. Manager	Football
Norman Bailey	Equip. Manager	Football
Bob Crudup	Volunteer	All Sports
Mike Stinton	Head Coach	Boys Soccer
Scott Sullivan	Assistant Coach	Boys Soccer
Jeff McGuirl	Assistant Coach	Boys Soccer
Rosie Sosnowski	Head Coach	Girls Cross Country
Steve Trezvant	Head Coach	Boys Cross Country
Deb Valente	Head Coach	Cheerleading
Regina Bernath	Assistant Coach	Cheerleading
Jeff Goss	Head Coach	Girls Basketball
Jeff McGuirl	Assistant Coach	Girls Basketball
Donna Ricci	Assistant Coach	Girls Basketball
Mike Lunney	Head Coach	Boys Basketball
Ryan Moniz	Head Coach	Boys Basketball
Joe Occhi	Assistant Coach	Boys Basketball
Cybil Pacheco	Head Coach	Gymnastics
Lindsey Curry	Assistant Coach	Gymnastics

6. **BUSINESS AGENDA**

- a) **Budget Approval.** A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and seconded by Mrs. Levesque to approve an FY'09-10 budget of \$35,746,286, as appropriated by the Town Council. So voted 5-0.

7. **SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA**

- a) **Facilities.** The Facilities recommendation will be given at the August 18th meeting.
- b) **Finance.** No report.

c) **Health and Wellness.** No report.

d) **Policy.** Ms. Wedge announced that a meeting needs to be scheduled.

A motion was made by Ms. Wedge and seconded by Mrs. Levesque to adjourn the meeting. So voted 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Patti Cofield
Recording Secretary for:

Marge Levesque, Clerk